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SUBJECT: NEPAL AND REGIONAL WATERS DEVELOPMENT

1. DURING FEBRUARY 20 CALL ON MOFA UNDERSECRETARY BHINDA SHAH BY DCM AND PAB COUNTRY DIRECTOR COON, MRS. SHAH SAID NEPAL WAS INTERESTED IN HAVING FEASIBILITY STUDY DONE OF IMPLICATIONS FOR NEPAL OF REGIONAL WATERS DEVELOPMENT, AND SUGGESTED THAT NEPAL WAS CONSIDERING MAKING SUCH A REQUEST TO WORLD BANK. WHEN COON AND EAVES SUGGESTED THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME SHORTCOMINGS IN FEASIBILITY STUDY WHICH COVERED ONLY ONE COUNTRY, IN SITUATION WHERE THERE WERE PRESUMABLY A NUMBER OF VARIABLES RELATED TO PARTICIPATION OF INDIA AND BANGLADESH, MRS. SHAH ACKNOWLEDGED THE POINT BUT SAID IT WAS NEVERTHELESS IMPORTANT FOR NEPAL TO HAVE AN INFORMED POSITION ON THE SUBJECT IN TERMS OF ITS OWN INTERESTS. SHE WENT ON TO SAY THAT BANGLADESH WATERS EXPERT ABBAS HAD TOLD NEPALESE THAT HE HAD PINPOINTED SOME FIFTY SPECIFIC LOCATIONS IN NEPAL THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED IN A COOPERATIVE WATERS DEVELOPMENT SCHEME AND THAT HE CLEARLY KNEW A GREAT DEAL MORE ABOUT NEPAL IN THIS RESPECT THAN NEPAL ITSELF KNEW.

2. MOFA AND BANGLADESH EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD
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